character, the recruitment to the teaching posts in Kendriya Vidyalaya in different parts of the country is done on all-India basis and the vacancies are notified in the Employment News and in the leading newspapers throughout the country. The recurits are selected irrespective of the areas to which they belong.

In order to fill up the large number of vacancies in the North-East Region, a special recruitment drive, on all-India level, was made in 1984 for exclusive service in the Region. As a result of special efforts, 51 posts of PGTs, 96 posts of TGTs and 110 posts of PRTs were filled up in 1984.

The Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has been making constant efforts to fill up the posts of teachers in the Kendriya Vidyalayas in different areas including North-East Region every year as a part of its annual recruitment plan

**Degraded forest lands to private entrepreneurs for growing trees**

*298. SHRI S. MADHAVAN·
SHRI R. T. GOPALAN·

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to hand over degraded forest lands to private entrepreneurs for growing trees, and

(b) if so, on what terms and conditions such possession is proposed to be given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Ascertaining the membership strength KVS**

*299. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has asked its recognised associations of employees to submit their membership strength by the 15th May, 1990; and

(b) if so, what is the detailed procedure adopted for ascertaining the membership strength?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan Recognition of Association Rules, before the first day of July each year, the recognised associations are required to furnish to the Sangathan, *inter alia*, Statement of Membership alongwith certified copies of enrolement forms in respect of members and proof of subscription.

**Advanced light helicopter project**

*300. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA.
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state.

(a) what progress has been made so far on the Advanced light helicopter project;

(b) by when the project is likely to be completed;

(c) what was the original schedule in this regard;

(d) what was the initial cost estimate of the project and what is the current estimate; and

(e) what is the amount already spent on it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) The Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) are engaged in the design and development of an Advanced Libht Helicopter (ALH). The project is in the advanced stage of implementation.

(b) to (d) The AIH project was approved in 1984 and according to the original schedule it was to be completed by 1991/92. As against this, the project is now expected to be completed by 1993/94. The initial cost estimate of the project was Rs. 87.31 crores at January, 1982 price level and the revised cost anticipated is Rs. 285.36 crores at November, 1989 price level.

(e) The actual expenditure incurred as on 31st March, 1990 on the project is Rs. 171.90 crores.

**Suggestion of Assocham for selective privatisation of Public Sector Corporation**

@1350. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry has submitted a proopsal to the Central Government recommending selective privatisation of some profit making public sector corporations; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) and (b) The proposals of ASSOCHAM regarding privatisation of public sector enterprises will be kept in view while framing the White Paper on public sector later this year as was announced in the Presidential Address to the Parliament on 12-3-1990.

**Demands of the officers of the public sector oil corporations**

†1351. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the negotiations held between Government and the officers of the public sector oil companies;

(b) whether it is a fact that the officers in some of the public sector oil corporations have been on strike; if so, since when;

(c) what are the details of the demands made by the officers and what is Central Government's response thereto;

(d) what would be the additional financial reqiurement if their demands are met; and

(e) whether the agitation/strike by the officers have resulted in financial losses; if so, what is the extent thereof per day?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) to (e) The Oil Sector Officers Association gave a notice to the Ministry of Petroleum & Chemicals that they propose to go on strike from April 24th to 26th and May 8th to 11th May,

@Previously Unstarred Question 623 transferred from the 14th May, 1990.

†Previously Unstarred Question 674 transferred from the 14th May, 1990.